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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication of January 29, 2004,
reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

The Office Communication mailed January 29, 2004 states that the amendment mailed October 27, 2003 is non-responsive to the prior office action because the replacement drawing set is incomplete. This position is respectfully traversed. A complete set of drawings was submitted with the amendment mailed October 27, 2003.

The applicants have reviewed the amendment mailed October 27, 2003 and determined that the number of drawing sheets being submitted was misidentified in the amendment, but that a complete set of replacement formal drawings was submitted. The amendment incorrectly stated that the replacement set of drawings comprises 33 sheets of drawings. The replacement set of drawings actually comprises 30 sheets of drawings. Thus, by submitting thirty sheets of drawings with the amendment mailed October 27, 2003, applicants have submitted a complete set of formal drawings. Applicants regret any confusion caused by the misidentification of the number of drawing sheets being submitted. However, the drawing set was complete.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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